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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed December 7, 2006 alleges that the Appeal Brief filed November 13, 2006 does not include "a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review."

37 CFR 4.137(c) lists the required contents of the Appeal Brief, under appropriate headings, including:

(vi) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal. A concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review.

At the top of page 6 of the Appeal Brief filed November 13, 2006, under the heading "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal," appears the following "concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review:"

All appealed claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11 have been rejected over Slat 2003/0091769 combined with Schottland 2003/0211288.

Claims 12-15 had been rejected over Slat alone, but have been canceled to simplify the issues for appeal.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Appeal Brief filed November 13, 2006 fully complies with 37 CFR 4.137(c), including provision of a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review as required in 37 CFR 4.137(c)(1)(vi).

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